



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. BJ 2008 - 96

***HURRICANES GUSTAV AND IKE
ESCORT REQUIREMENTS FOR OVERSIZE VEHICLES, TRUCKS AND LOADS***

- WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, confers upon the Governor of the state of Louisiana emergency powers to deal with emergencies and disasters, including those caused by fire, flood, earthquake or other natural or man-made causes, to ensure that preparations of this state are adequate to deal with such emergencies or disasters, and to preserve the lives and property of the citizens of the state of Louisiana;
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to Proclamation No. 51 BJ 2008, issued August 27, 2008, a state of emergency was declared for Hurricane Gustav and is currently in effect;
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to Proclamation No. 52 BJ 2008, issued September 7, 2008, a state of emergency was declared for Hurricane Ike and is currently in effect; and
- WHEREAS,** the safety and welfare of the citizens of the affected areas of Louisiana require that the movements of operators of certain oversize vehicles traveling on the public highways of the state of Louisiana for the purpose of emergency services and disaster relief efforts be expedited, but still be monitored for safe movement;
- NOW THEREFORE I, BOBBY JINDAL,** Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:
- SECTION 1:** Permitted oversize vehicles which exceed sixteen feet in width and whose operators are unable to procure the escort services of Louisiana State Police because of the excessive workload carried by state police troopers after Hurricanes Gustav and Ike may procure the services of two Louisiana state certified escorts to travel non-Interstate, state-maintained highways in lieu of the required state police escorts. These vehicles may travel only between sunrise and sunset and must adhere to any route requirements imposed by their DOTD-issued permits.
- SECTION 2:** Permitted oversize vehicles which exceed ninety feet in length, but are less than one hundred feet in length, which transport utility poles and whose operators are unable to procure the escort services of Louisiana State Police because of the excessive workload carried by state police troopers after Hurricanes Gustav and Ike may procure the services of one Louisiana state certified escort. These vehicles may travel twenty-four hours a day in order to address disaster recovery.
- SECTION 3:** Nothing in this Order shall be construed to relieve any vehicle or carrier, or owner or driver of any vehicle from compliance with any restrictions other than those specified, or from any statute, rule, order, or other legal requirement not specifically waived herein.
- SECTION 4:** This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until October 11, 2008, unless amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the Governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 12th day of September, 2008.

/S/ Bobby Jindal
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA



**ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR**

/S/ Jay Dardenne
SECRETARY OF STATE